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ARGUMENT AGAINST **PROHIBITION**

Strong Document Upon the Subject by Phoebe W. Couzins

Louisville, Ky., August 13.-If our revolutionary fathers had been told after seven years of bloody struggles for freedom of the human race, over the despots of the ages, which re-sulted in the establishment of a na-tion with constitution for guidance and tion with constitution for guidance and protection of all its citizens not only of their age, but for further generations, that within a period of 130 years there would come a time to this blessed republic when self government by the individual would be denied, and sumptuary enactments of one class of its citizens over the eating and drinking of the other class, could be actually framed into law and forced into public prohibition, while the safeguards over property in its constituly framed into law and forced into public prohibition, while the safe-guards over property in its constitution, and the 'ex post facto' clause which forbids a reversionary application, to those who have hitherto been recognized as within the protection of its sovereign inhibition, would be cast aside, and confiscation of millions of valuable property, without legal process of compensation, the owners thereof outlawed and estates penalized, as of criminal origin would be permitted and applauded, the founders of our liberties might have lost courage and heart and our rich inheritance shorn of much of its strength.

And if on the other hand, these same patriots had been further told that European countries, wherein monarchical systems prevail, in our day and generation, would solve the problem of self-restraint in temperate living by a dual system of strict surveillance of the government over the purveyor and purchaser alike, and of the governed, a cheerful obedience to the mandates of this rule, yielded without evasion or contention, their belief in the continued and onward growth of a Republic whose foundations they were striving to cement in broad and lasting corner stones, might have been severely shaken.

Why this anomaly of a republic unable to properly guard and restrain one of its important arms of commerce and trade, which yields a revenue of one third of the taxes—which from the time when our Nation was in the throes of financial rehabilita-

nue of one third of the taxes—which from the time when our Nation was in the throes of financial rehabilitation after the struggle for liberty, at the suggestion of the first Secretary of the Treasury, was recognized as an important feeder and mainstay for the security of America's debts and credits? While across the seas, where the citizen is a subject and must the citizen is a subject and must yield his personalty to the control of monarchs and aristocracies, the appe-

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* derie of contact with Nature and his kind, in discussion of grave problems in art, science, literature and government. He pays for his own drink and sips it slowly and quietly, surrounded by those influences which are calculated to uplift and ennoble and goes home sober with his family—not a drunken lout.

You may traverse the continent, from one end to the other, and never encounter an intoxicated native—the

encounter an intoxicated native—the sole exhibit of this indecency, if perchance he shows himself, is always from America or England.

It was my good fortune to be a guest at the reception given the Vienna, Saengerbund, the finest body of singers in the world, by the choral societies of Washington. Their physiques were as remarkable and commanded a like admiration, as did the composite as remarkable and commanded a like admiration, as did the composite voice which sang as a unit, in complete harmony and vocalization. From birth their staple liquid food of wine and beer testified to brawn and brain beneficence, when used in moderation. From my coigne of vantage, I watched the various types in their enjoymen of the hospitalities of a gen-

erous buffet.
The Austrians mixed their food and The Austrians mixed their food and drinks, with slow gustatory relish as they received or gave a toast, singing a line, or shouting a familiar text from their poetic authors. The Germans, likewise, though less deliberate while the Americans, but few in number, consumed more liquids than their presence warranted, and drank as if their last chance at the flowing bowl was limited to the occasion.

On the other hand, if the Government is strict in its enforcement of even the minutiae of protection, stern and inflexible over the habits of its subjects, so too, these sturdy yeo-manry are equally potential in protect-

manry are equally potential in protecting their privileges and rights.

In Munich, Bavaria, many years ago, the brewers had the temerity to advance the price of beer ½c on a quart. Within 24 hours five breweries were wrecked and the others put up the white flag forthwith. You can get in Munich today, a quart of the finest and purest beer, with radish, cheese and bread, and a fine concert thrown in for less than 10 cents of thrown in, for less than 10 cents of American money and it would be a brave monarch or purveyor who should attempt to curtail the personal lib-erty or privilege of these sturdy pa-trons; and yet America witnesses Governors of States and those in authority in the municipalities, issuing edicts on even the citizen's right to the protection of his own home as to his habits therein, which would call for riot on an Emperor's palace

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Sacred history certainly sustains this view—Adam lost his birthright through a prohibitory law—while Noah who started the world again in its

who started the world again in its onward career, gave us an illustration of exhibitation over a birthright which savors very much of the modern man. His experience on the water wagon—through a vast extent of non-bibulous drink, and his descent from Mt. Ararat, receiving the earth from the Lord, was celebrated by the planting of a vineyard and the mak-ing of wine, the brand of which is not given, but judging from the effect thority in the municipalities, issuing edicts on even the citizen's right to the protection of his own home as to his habits therein, which would call for riot on an Emperor's palace within 45 hours, if perpetrated across the seas.

Moreover these wise reciprocity laws from over the seas, recognize the fact of human nature, which our Prohibition enactments with their confiscatory evils do not.

not given, but judging from the effect upon Noah, it was quite as demoralizing as the wood alcohol of today, and yet Noah lived 950 years after that event, and his son Ham, made Cananan as celebrated for its wine as his father before him, out of which grew a race of giants, which terrified the Israelites into a retreat for forty years in the wilderness, after they had reached its borders.

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When reforms are attempted, they must be in harmony with Nature's law, not in contravention.

If we review history from either a sacred or secular standpoint, the fact is vividly portrayed, that human nature is about the same throughout the ages, that appetites and passions govern the race, in like proportion; and that it is these same appetites and passions which wisely directed, send humanity forward towards the heights of civilization, or stagnate its forces, if unduly distorted, into baleful disaster.

One of the most noted of physician during the Victorian age, Sir William Roberts, while acknowledging all of the heinous sins of which alcohol is spility, the volume of crime, miscry powerty and disease which it has coulcilly at recognizes its value, and the

fact that it has survived the ages, and appears as an important factor in the civilization of the earth, sets forth his views in the following language:

"Then generalized food customs of mankind are not to be viewed as random practices adopted to please the palate, or gratify an idle or vicious appetite."

"These customs must be regarded to the ages, and Jamaica rum, Bourbon whisky, and the best imported wines, gave invitation to the appetite at any hour of the day, and every day of the week, not excepting Sundays, and preachers as well as laymen were the steady patrons of these household bars; taking a generous nip before they sought their pulpits, a goodly toddy on return, to savor grace at meals, and a the ten Commandments, and gave the "These customs must be regarded as the outcome of profound instincts which correspond to important wants of the human economy. They are the fruit of a collossal experience accumulated by countless millions of men in lated by countless millions of men in

As the directors of this Prohibition movement, their attention may well be called to the failure of England in the solution of this problem equal-ly with the supinenss of America to control and elucidate.

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The most repressive measures were tried in England, Scotland and Ireland, over 120 years ago. The House of Lords was the author of the bill. So stringent were the laws and so high the taxation that practically only the richest men of the kingdom could afford the luxury of a drink.

What happened? What happened?

All respectable manufacturers and dealers were taxed out of existence, and in their place came the smuggler and disreputable purveyors of gin, one of the vilest concoctions peculiar to England, and more of this "red eye." as it is well called, was drunk than ever before. The realm of England was torn with

mobs, riots and continual bloody en-counters for over 25 years, but not until a vicious assault was made upon one of the high cockolorums called a "Lord," was the law repealed. escape for the weary man, after the day's toil is done, than is now found in the miserable surroundings of the laboring classes, is so fraught with multiplied evils that the zealous bigot may well pause, ere he invokes the tremendous opening of the flood gates which may engulf all forms of re-

straint. Christ, the greatest master of mor-als, points uncerringly to the form of reformation which he illustrated as a reformation which he illustrated as a house, swept and garnished into so high a state of purity and righteous cleanliness, that it only remained for seven devils to enter and take possession, who not only destroyed every vestige of the immaculate cleansing, but laid waste the entire structure from turret to foundation stone.

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This Jesus, who affirms in scripture that he was called "a glutton and a wine bibber" by the sanctimonious Pharisee, "the friend of publicans and sinners" by the phylacteried priesthood of the Temples, a man who dwelt among the poor and the lowly, sharing their sorrows and apprehend-

all evil from the good, and make of humanity a whited sepulchre, full of the dead bones of impossible saints, or an immaculately cleansed dwelling fit only for the entrance of seven devils to enter and destroy. He swept aside the ten Commandments, and gave the immortal substitute—"A new com-mandment I give unto you, that ye love one another"—and he lived this proclamation of redemption to his fel-lowman by an overshadowing tender-ness to the fallen and forsaken Magdalen, and all those who are in bonds down to the thief on the cross besid him who was promised Paradise with out any conditions—this prophet and seer knowing that each and every member of the human family was but a section of the whole, permeated with like passions, appetites and desires, and only differentiated from the whole by the crueity of their own race and environments.

Leaders who assume that their re-ligious beliefs and theological dogmas are a sufficient guarantee of their immaculate authority to govern the mass of humanity by a "thus saith the of humanity by a "thus saith the Lord" without any reference whatsoever to the natural laws which inhere in every individual for good or evil, or the vast scope of this question which transcends the ordinary look-out, are rendered unfit, as Sir Rob-erts states for the research of the highest scientific and practical value on the habits and customs of the on the habits and customs of the 'genus homo' from time immemorial one of the high cockolorums called a "Lord," was the law repealed.

The exaction of strict prohibitory laws, without the substitution of wiser and more comprehensive avenues of were actually brought to conclusion, in the stagnation of those vast rami fications of industries which honey comb commerce and trade, and serve to sustain not only the government, but every form of industrial life which stands for stability and endurance. It is the rehabilitation of Church State, forbidden in both National and State Constitutions, and which wrought

such havoc in past ages.

But on the other hand, let us be just in saying that they have awakened the public conscience to the dangerous encroachments of the li-quor interests, which have steadily quor interests, which have steadily grown into evils, which must be eradicated, and obedience to law in a regulated system of supervision by the government with strict obedience to every thing which stands for those great principles enunciated by our fathers less themerica be overthrough. fathers, lest America be overthrown by the enemy within her own gates, and the dissolution of this noble Republic be made possible by the loss of the eternal vigilance, which alone is the price of Liberty.

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